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Prior to the first Office Action in this application, Applicants would like to amend this application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, beginning at line 4 with the following:

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This application is a continuation-in-part of our co-pending U.S. patent application no. 09/642,348, which was filed on August 21, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,494,061 B1 (Dec. 17, 2002).